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Majority prices were unchanged in the West, unchanged to higher, mostly unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was generally steady to about steady. Retail demand was seasonally light with traditional Thanksgiving items attracting consumer interest. Food service was moderate at best. Supplies were sufficient yet tight for larger sizes in the Northeast. Processing schedules were reduced due to upcoming holiday and to keep in line with limited needs. In the parts structure, supplies of wings, livers, and gizzards were close balanced to short with good movement. All other items were at least adequate with light demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 11/22-11/27/99 (cents per lb)

AREAS	MAJORITY	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE	
		WTD	LOADS	WTD	LOADS
		AVG		AVG	
Bos/New Eng	59.50-61.00	59.39	14	61.13	23
Chicago	51.00-53.00	53.57	46	55.30	72
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	59.23	30
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	61.38	13
Denver	63.50	63.38	17	62.61	37
Detroit	52.00-56.00	55.44	8	58.03	32
Los Angeles	64.00	62.81	61	62.76	106
New York	57.00-60.00	58.82	34	61.59	74
Philadelphia	54.00-59.00	55.78	9	58.10	31
Pittsburgh	53.50-57.00	55.20	10	58.43	62
St. Louis	53.50-54.00	53.36	15	55.77	40
San Francisco	64.50	63.55	30	65.50	55

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	11/22/99	Change/Last Wk	11/15/99	11/23/98
575	60.13	0.49	59.64	63.64

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	58.00-63.00	59.95	47
Central	55.00-60.00	58.56	56
West	55.00-65.50	62.35	48

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	58.00-59.50	57.88	82
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 58.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,105	50.00-61.70	57.44

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice pack parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	138.50	4,041
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.00	1,925
THIGH MEAT - B/S	65.50	561
LEG QUARTERS	20.00	8,387
WINGS	69.00	2,812

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment steady at best. Pre-holiday demand typically seasonal with light trading, best for other meat items. Supplies more than sufficient to handle trade needs. Processing schedules for this week part time with some plants down Thursday and Friday. In the parts structure, wings in the strongest position with sufficient to short supplies. The remaining parts at least adequate with fair movement. In production areas, live supplies moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WEST COAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices unchanged from last week. The market tone generally steady. Regular commitments traded at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings easily adequate to cover the lighter buying interest; particularly in southern California. Demand by stores light and centered on Thanksgiving day needs, moderate overall by restaurants and fast foods; best for parts. Dealers reported moderate to somewhat heavier than desired weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 56.65 down .20 from last Monday with the volume reported at 20 loads down 26 percent. Trade sentiment about steady with wings in the strongest position.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices for this weeks trading unchanged into Chicago, unchanged to higher into St. Louis and Detroit, TFEWR elsewhere from last Monday's final. Whole fryer trade sentiment steady. Offerings limited, but adequate for needs. Retail demand slow with features providing light to fair movement. Food service demand mixed, slow to good. Distributors working hand to mouth, weights desirable. Parts supplies short on livers and gizzards, tight on wings and at least adequate on all other items. Trade sentiment steady to firm on wings, steady to weak on breast items and about steady on the balance.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready to-cook whole broiler/fryers about moderate as buyers focused on typical holiday items instead of chicken. Offerings varied according to size. Larger birds generally short and lighter weights mostly available. Retail and distributive movement seasonally slow. The market tone ranged steady at best on smaller sizes to at least steady on the heavier birds. In the parts complex wings no more than adequate and all other items at least adequate for limited needs.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds at seasonal lows as other items more typical of the holiday period attracted buyers interest. Offerings generally tight on the over 3 pound sizes; adequate to ample and slow to clear on the smaller sizes. Live supplies moderate; weights varied, but mostly desirable to light. Processing schedules continued to be altered to keep product in close balance with reduced needs and light overall. Less than trucklot asking prices unchanged at 60 to 72 cents. Trade sentiment about steady. Wings and Gizzards cleared well. Other cuts fully adequate to ample.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA. **BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	52-72
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	63.78
NO. OF BOXES	3,156

*3 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was extremely quiet as Thanksgiving week began. Offerings of wings were short to adequate. The balance of items were more than adequate to ample with bone-in breasts in the most available position. Movement into retail and distributive channels was seasonally slow and limited features did little to enhance buying activity. The market tone was at least steady on wings and no better than steady on the remainder.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	131.39	444,560
TENDERLOINS	130	131.75	76,000
BREAST - WITH RIBS	61-62	69.11	170,480
BREAST - LINE RUN	61	62.13	144,000
LEGS	26-27	29.78	204,960
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-17	18.99	138,146
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	31.24	85,950
THIGHS	19-20	28.55	55,120
B/S THIGHS	70-71	72.49	33,560
WINGS (WHOLE)	69-70	79.23	169,760
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.02	31,320
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	49.71	30,096
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	60.03	37,200

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	591	120.00-162.00	130-135	134.86
TENDERLOINS	98	135.00-177.00	-	151.35
BREAST - WITH RIBS	274	64.00-84.00	64-65	66.67
FRONT HALVES	640	50.00-62.00	50-51	53.13
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	241	17.00-19.00	17	17.34
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	778	19.50-20.00	19.5	19.54
WINGS (WHOLE)	216	57.00-70.00	66-68	65.45
DRUMSTICKS	97	31.00-45.00	31	33.44
THIGHS	NO TRADING REPORTED			

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	11/22	11/18	11/18	11/15	11/11
ALA	3,891	3,803	5.03	3,804	5.04
ARK	5,079	4,950	4.79	4,738	4.74
DELMARVA	2,046	1,927	4.97	2,254	5.01
KY-LA-TN	1,816	1,794	4.26	1,779	4.32
MISS	2,846	2,854	4.88	2,613	5.04
NC	2,547	2,597	5.79	2,134	5.72
TEXAS	2,186	1,867	4.58	2,047	4.66
TOTAL	20,411	19,792	4.93	19,369	4.95
MON	20,411(A)			19,369(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 22-Nov 1999 is estimated to be 30,537,000 up 5.06 percent from a week ago and up 1.70 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 29,065,000, last year 30,027,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	317	120.00-183.00	125-135	131.29
TENDERLOINS	115	125.00-200.00	-	184.48
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	49	23.00-34.00	-	25.02
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	429	15.00-19.00	15-16	16.39
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,196	17.50-21.00	19-20	19.65
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
WINGS (CUT)	884	77.00-91.00	80-82	82.97
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	80	61.00-72.00	-	65.00

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 22, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

	TODAY'S RANGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
	33.00 - 36.00	34.20
		37.62

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION PARTS PRICES PER LB., ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 11/22-11/26/99

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	120.00 - 145.00	130.00 - 135.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	62.00 - 75.00	65.00 - 68.00
LEGS	26.00 - 36.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16.00 - 23.00	18.00
DRUMSTICKS	26.00 - 40.00	29.00 - 30.00
WINGS (WHOLE)	60.00 - 85.00	67.00 - 69.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 12.00	-
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25.00 - 45.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 55.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	76-91
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	79-97
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	81-93
FROZEN DUCKS	135-149
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	79-82
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	82-88
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	309
RABBITS-CUT UP	326

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	92-97
	DRY PACK	107
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104
	DRY PACK	112
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	98
	ICE PACK	91
DUCKS		149-166

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. NOVEMBER 19, 1999

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00-20.00	-	17.00-18.00	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.91		17.42	
1,120,000 pounds, this includes 320,000 pounds for export shipment.				

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	16.00-17.00
WTD AVERAGE				16.75
320,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-17.50	18.50	13.00-15.00	13.00-16.50
WTD AVERAGE	16.65	18.50	13.29	14.51
2,100,000 pounds, this includes 640,000 pounds for export shipment.				
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	13.50	-
WTD AVERAGE			13.50	
120,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV				

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Trading levels were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were reduced for the holiday week. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 LBS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 22-NOV-99

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-19.5	11-13	12.82

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. NOVEMBER 19, 1999

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				
0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	19.00	-	14.00-15.00	-
WTD AVERAGE	19.00		14.75	
204,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-16.00	18.00-18.50	11.00-13.00	13.50-17.50
WTD AVERAGE	15.50	18.38	11.32	14.07
2,358,000 pounds, this includes 510,000 pounds for export shipment.				
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE			-	-
0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI				

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light for reduced holiday scheduled needs. Offerings were fully adequate for trade requirements. The undertone was mostly steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 22-NOV-99

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-14.5 CENTS/LB.	7.5-11	10.35
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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